



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Pan et al.

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**For:** OPERABLE GATE STACK WHICH  
IS SUBSTANTIALLY DEVOID OF  
PITTING AND SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE COMPRISING SAME

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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the title** appear on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**A listing of the claims** begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

IN THE TITLE:

The title has been amended herein. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121 and 1.125 (as amended to date), please enter the title as amended.

~~OPERABLE METHOD OF FORMING A GATE STACK WHICH IS  
SUBSTANTIALLY DEVOID OF  
PITTING AND SEMICONDUCTOR COMPRISING SAME~~